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December 22, 1997

Mr. James E. Rasmussen  
United States Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Request for Additional Response Time to Notice of Deficiency (NOD) Comments,  
324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cells and High-Level Vault Closure Plan

The Washington State Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program received your letter, dated November 19, 1997, requesting additional time to respond to Notice of Deficiency comments for the 324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cells and High-Level Vault Closure Plan.

An extension of 90-days is granted, to provide time for the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) to address the NOD comments. A revised closure plan is due to Ecology March 31, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 736-3019.

Sincerely,

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